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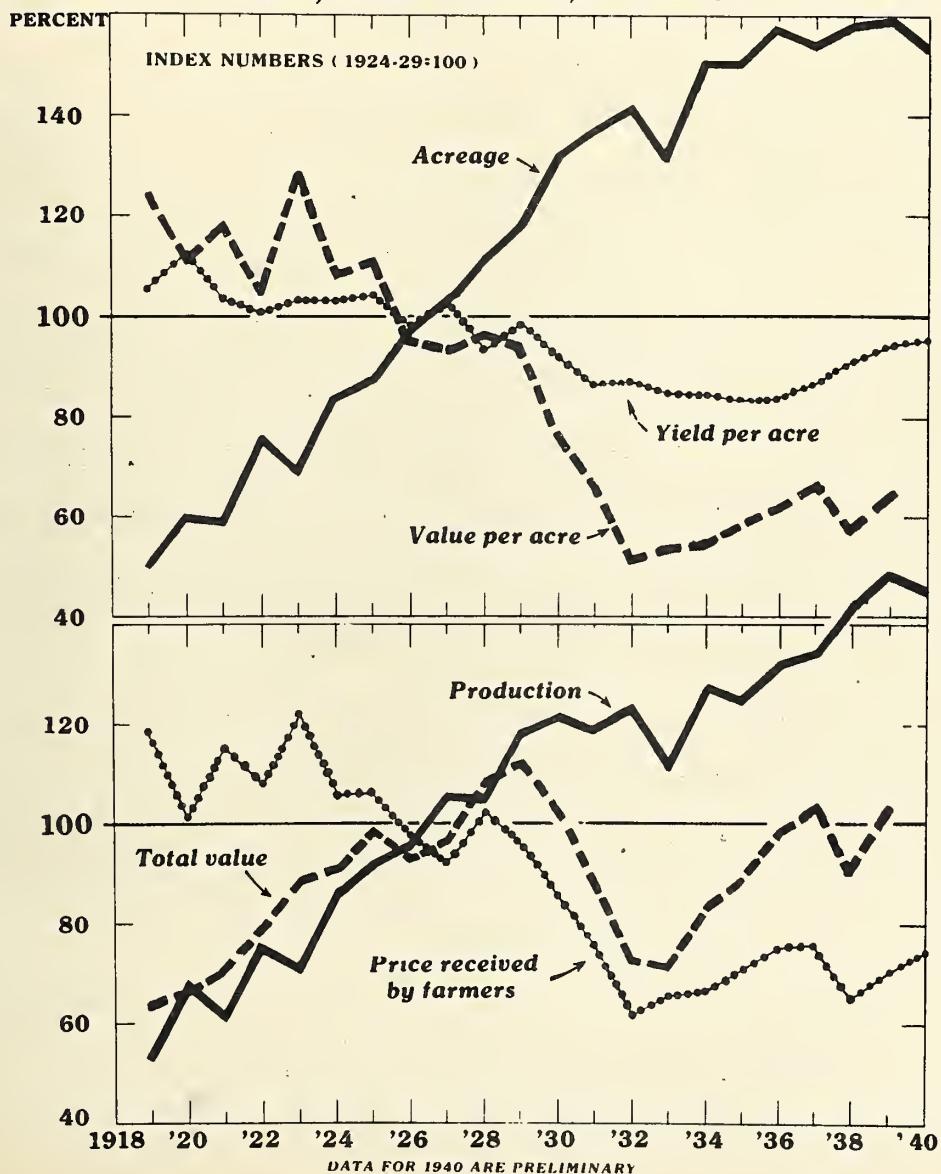
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## 17 Vegetables for Fresh Market Shipment: Acreage, Yield, Production, Price, and Value, United States, 1919-40



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Summary

The harvest of late potatoes and truck crops is being completed and large quantities are moving into storage for fall and winter marketing. Market prices are at about the seasonal low level for the year, but have shown some tendency to rise in recent weeks. This tendency, particularly for truck crops, probably will become more pronounced during the next 2 months.

The outlook for winter supplies includes prospects for larger storage supplies than a year earlier of potatoes, cabbage, carrots, and celery, but smaller supplies of onions and sweetpotatoes. Supplementing these storage supplies are probable larger supplies of fall and winter snap beans, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, kale, and spinach produced in the South and California.

A substantial reduction in the carry-over of canned vegetables this season more than offset a small increase in the total pack. The total supply of canned vegetables, taken as a group, for the 1940 marketing season, therefore, is likely to be slightly smaller than that of 1939 but slightly larger than the total disappearance in the 1939 season.

Business activity and consumer purchasing power will be somewhat higher this winter than a year earlier, and this should result in a better demand for winter vegetables.

--- October 30, 1940

POTATOES

The condition of late potatoes continued to improve during September, particularly in the Western States, and the crop was estimated as of October 1 at 305 million bushels. An increase over the estimate of a month earlier of 1.5 million bushels in the Eastern States was offset by a decrease of a like quantity in the Central States. In the Western States, however, the increase was 6.4 million bushels. Owing to the favorable growing conditions during

recent months the total supply of late potatoes this season is now indicated to be about 15 million bushels larger than a year earlier. The bulk of this larger supply will be available for marketing during the next 6 to 8 months, since a large part of the late crop usually goes into storage. And because of the nature of the demand for potatoes, an increase in market supplies on the average results in a more than proportional decrease in prices. If there were no increase in demand, therefore, the prospective 5 percent increase in the supply of late potatoes this year probably would result in a season average price more than 5 percent below the price received for the 1939 late crop. This price-depressing influence of the larger supply, however, will be partly offset by the price-supporting effect of the improved consumer purchasing power.

Market prices of potatoes have been fairly stable during recent weeks, although those for the Russet Burbank variety tended to decline slightly. Potato prices now appear to be at about the seasonal low level for the year, and are substantially below those of a year earlier.

#### TRUCK CROPS

Weather conditions during the first half of October favored the maturity and harvesting of late truck crops in the Northern States. The season for many of the tender vegetables was brought to a close by cold weather, but the hardy varieties continued to grow to maturity. Late cabbage, carrots, celery, onions and some other crops were being harvested in good condition and moved into storage for winter marketing.

Market supplies of late lima beans, snap beans, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, cucumbers, and peppers are indicated to be larger than a year earlier, but those of late lettuce, onions, peas, spinach, and tomatoes are slightly smaller. These crops, following on the markets rather liberal supplies from earlier producing areas, have been difficult to market. Prices for many of them have been much lower than a year earlier in recent weeks, and it is indicated that the seasonal low level of the year of truck crop prices in general is at hand. During the latter part of October there was a tendency for prices to rise slightly. This tendency probably will become more pronounced in November and December when market supplies decrease seasonally.

Reports on the early 1941 crops grown in the South and in California indicate that the acreage of snap beans, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, kale, and spinach will be increased slightly this season over that of a year earlier. The acreage of artichokes, celery, green peppers, and shallots is decreased slightly. With favorable growing weather these acreages probably will produce generally larger supplies of fall and winter truck crops than were available last year. In the South, however, rain is needed from Louisiana eastward to Florida. Conditions in Texas were benefited by mid-October precipitation.

The United States asparagus acreage for 1941 is indicated to be slightly larger than that harvested in 1940 and is the largest of record. Small decreases in acreage are reported for California and Georgia, but important increases are indicated for several of the late States where much of the

production is utilized for canning and freezing. It is estimated that 4,516,000 crates of the total crop of 7,338,000 crates produced in California in 1940 were used for processing as compared with 3,968,000 crates out of a total of 6,232,000 in 1939.

#### TRUCK CROPS FOR PROCESSING

Only small changes in the estimates of production of truck crops for processing were reported during October, and the output of all combined, excluding cucumbers for pickles (an estimate for which will not be available until November), totals 3,317,000 tons compared with 3,279,000 tons in 1939. There was a 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  percent increase in the planted acreage of these crops, but yields for all except green peas and cabbage for kraut were disappointing. As a result, production of many of the processing crops in 1940 was only slightly larger than the relatively small crops of 1939. The total pack of canned vegetables probably is around 105 million cases of 2 $\frac{1}{4}$  No. 2 cans as compared with about 95 million cases in 1939. The carry-over is down about 15 million cases, however, and will more than offset the increase in the pack. The total supply of canned vegetables for the 1940 marketing season, therefore, totals about 116 million cases as compared with 122 million last year, and with the total disappearance of 110 million cases in 1939. Only the supply of canned green peas appears to be in a surplus position. The prospect is that the carry-over of canned peas next June will be somewhat larger than normal.

Potatoes: Acreage, yield and production, average  
 1929-38, annual 1939 and indicated 1940

Group and classification	Acreage			Yield			Production		
	Aver-	For	Aver-	Indi-	Aver-	Indi-			
	age	har-	age	cated	age	cated			
	1929-	1939	1929-	1939	1929-	1940			
	38	1940	38	1940	38	1940			
	1,000	1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	acres	acres	acres	Bu.	Bu.	Bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
Early									
Total .....	421.0	450.3	461.5	87.9	103.2	104.7	37,205	46,473	48,284
Commercial .....	169.4	194.2	196.6	122.9	147.9	148.5	20,812	28,721	29,189
Other .....	251.6	256.1	264.9	65.2	69.3	72.1	16,393	17,752	19,095
Intermediate									
Total .....	321.2	289.0	293.3	106.0	95.6	122.6	33,972	27,617	35,964
Commercial .....	130.7	119.0	116.0	149.3	125.5	168.1	19,518	14,934	19,504
Other .....	190.5	170.0	177.3	75.9	74.6	92.8	14,454	12,683	16,460
18 surplus late									
Total .....	2,137.3	1,923.3	1,958.8	120.3	130.0	135.7	256,482	249,988	265,857
3 eastern .....	611.0	568.0	583.0	161.7	154.0	166.5	98,875	87,487	97,055
5 central .....	1,028.0	881.0	905.0	81.1	88.9	91.6	83,222	78,326	82,882
10 western .....	498.2	474.3	470.8	150.1	177.5	182.5	74,384	84,175	85,920
12 other late									
Total .....	416.2	364.1	373.8	94.6	109.7	104.3	39,291	39,938	38,986
5 eastern .....	60.4	62.9	67.4	146.1	158.9	160.6	8,822	9,997	10,822
5 central .....	348.0	293.0	298.0	86.1	99.8	92.3	29,862	29,241	27,504
2 western .....	8.0	8.2	8.4	75.2	85.4	78.6	607	700	660
30 late .....	2,553.5	2,287.4	2,332.6	116.1	126.7	130.7	295,772	289,926	304,843
37 late and inter- mediate .....	2,874.7	2,576.4	2,625.9	115.0	123.3	129.8	329,744	317,543	340,807
United States									
total .....	3,295.7	3,026.7	3,087.4	111.5	120.3	126.0	366,949	364,016	389,091
30 late									
8 eastern .....	671.4	630.9	650.4	160.4	154.5	165.9	107,697	97,484	107,877
10 central .....	1,376.0	1,174.0	1,203.0	82.2	91.6	91.8	113,084	107,567	110,386
12 western .....	506.2	482.5	479.2	148.1	175.9	180.7	74,991	84,875	86,580

Compiled from reports of the Agricultural Marketing Service.

Potatoes: Unweighted price per 100 pounds for stock of generally good quality and condition (U. S. No. 1 when quoted) at shipping points and terminal markets, week ended October 26, 1940 with comparisons

Market and variety	Week ended							
	1939:		1940					
	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.
	28	21	28	5	12	19	26	1/
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
<u>F.o.b. shipping point</u>	:							
Northern and Central	:							
New Jersey points .....	-	.82	.80	.82	.83	.82	.82	.82
Waupaca, Wisconsin .....	.95	.75	.72	.73	.70	.71	.72	.72
Presque Isle, Maine .....	1.33	.66	.68	.68	.68	.67	.67	.67
Rochester, New York .....	1.22	.92	.86	.86	.84	.85	.86	.86
San Luis Valley, Colorado .....	1.07	-	-	-	-	.70	.71	.71
Idaho Points .....	.98	-	.78	.80	.75	.72	.72	.72
Western Michigan points .....	1.01	-	-	-	-	.82	.82	.82
Western Nebraska points .....	.89	-	-	-	-	.74	.74	.79
	:							
<u>Warehouse cash to grower</u>	:							
Waupaca, Wisconsin .....	.73	.58	.52	.43	.42	.48	.50	.50
Presque Isle, Maine .....	1.08	.47	.47	.48	.48	.48	.48	.48
Rochester, New York .....	.97	.75	.65	.68	.62	.58	.58	.58
Idaho points .....	.67	-	.45	.47	.38	.38	.40	.40
	:							
<u>Terminal markets:</u>	:							
<u>New York City</u>	:							
Russet Burbanks, Idaho .....	2.12	2.29	2.18	2.10	2.12	2.02	2.00	2.00
Green Mountains, Long Island .....	1.98	.96	.94	.97	.98	.98	.95	.95
Chippewas, Long Island .....	1.88	.92	.89	.95	.95	.98	.95	.95
Cobblers, Long Island .....	1.75	.84	.81	.82	.85	.85	.84	.84
" New Jersey .....	1.64	.82	.82	.85	.85	.86	.82	.82
Long Whites, Idaho .....	-	-	-	2/2.00	2.00	1.79	-	-
Excluding western stock .....	1.84	.89	.87	.90	.90	.90	.90	.90
<u>Chicago</u>	:							
Russet Burbanks, Idaho .....	1.74	1.52	1.47	1.60	1.54	1.42	1.42	1.42
Early Ohios, Minnesota and:								
North Dakota .....	1.14	.89	.84	.89	.88	.90	.90	.90
Red McClures, Colorado .....	1.93	-	1.46	1.33	1.32	1.25	2/1.25	2/1.25
Cobblers, North Dakota .....	1.08			.82	.83	.83	.85	.85
" Wisconsin .....	-	1.03	1.02	.97	.94	.90	-	-
Bliss Triumphs, Minnesota .....	-	1.18	1.11	1.05	1.05	1.05	1.18	1.18
" " Nebraska .....	1.54	1.45	1.41	1.35	1.38	1.36	1.36	1.36
" " North Dakota .....	1.20	.89	.82	.88	.87	.87	.94	.94
Excluding western stock .....	1.15	.94	.89	.84	.86	.85	.87	.87
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Compiled from reports of the Agricultural Marketing Service.

1/ Preliminary.

2/ Average for 1 day.

## Truck crops: Commercial acreage, yield per acre, and production for market, average 1929-38, annual 1939 and 1940

Commodity	Acreage			Unit	Yield per acre			Production			
	Av.	1929	1939		Av.	1929	1939	Av.	1929	1939	Av.
	38	38	38		38	38	38	38	38	38	38
								Thou-	Thou-	Thou-	Thou-
Arti-	Acres	Acres	Acres					sands	sands	sands	sands
chokes (Calif.)	8,350	10,200	10,600	Box	106	110	80	875	1,122	848	
Aspara-											
gus 2/	64,270	73,170	80,080	Crates	84	94	96	5,382	6,907	7,673	
Lima											
beans	11,460	13,750	13,150	Bu.	62	80	69	714	1,100	913	
Snap											
beans	144,170	177,340	163,520	"	84	94	90	12,076	16,669	14,718	
Beets	10,940	11,640	11,460	"	178	174	176	1,942	2,021	2,016	
Cabbage	150,550	162,510	168,280	Ton	6.48	6.10	6.61	976	991	1,112	
Canta-											
loups	118,210	133,410	129,060	Crates	126	108	110	14,890	14,402	14,237	
Carrots	35,080	43,520	46,100	Bu.	358	369	387	12,560	16,061	17,843	
Cauli-											
flower	29,140	28,450	31,060	Crates	250	298	296	7,284	8,476	9,188	
Celery	35,040	40,240	42,010	"	272	266	300	9,525	11,527	12,590	
Sweet											
corn											
(N.J.)	24,350	26,000	25,000	Ear	4,750	4,400	5,600	116,020	114,400	140,000	
Cucumbers	45,200	43,410	41,770	Bu.	92	107	108	4,171	4,656	4,525	
Eggplant	3,710	4,500	5,650	"	222	243	184	822	1,092	670	
Kale(Va.)	1,700	1,100	900	"	368	500	270	598	550	243	
Lettuce	156,840	171,420	154,820	Crates	125	140	157	19,536	24,070	24,301	
Onions	121,980	131,140	107,490	Sack	116	136	142	14,157	17,840	15,213	
Green											
peas											
Total	101,830	107,250	---	Bu.	76	91	---	7,690	9,726	---	
to date:	94,410	104,250	94,750		78	92	85	7,356	9,576	8,089	
Green											
peppers	18,020	21,930	21,110	"	226	231	213	4,068	5,066	4,491	
Spinach	59,430	61,030	61,730	"	212	221	208	12,603	13,275	12,855	
Tomatoes	177,260	210,550	204,020	"	110	118	115	19,584	24,782	23,404	
Water-											
melons	254,780	277,220	277,730	Melon	270	239	280	68,900	66,204	77,703	
Garlic	3,840	4,300	3,900	Sack	40.9	4.49	4.67	157	193	182	
Pepper-											
mint											
for oil:	37,660	28,670	30,930	Lb.	23.2	29.1	28.0	874	835	867	
Shallots	5,850	5,400	4,700	Bu.	103	125	127	605	674	596	
Total	1,612,240	1,785,150	1,727,820								

Compiled from reports of Agricultural Marketing Service. 1/ Artichokes, box, 40 lbs; asparagus, crates 24 lbs; lima beans, bu. 32 lbs; snap beans, bu. 30 lbs; beets, bu. 52 lbs; cabbage, ton, 2,000 lbs; cantaloups, crt. 60 lbs; carrots, bu. 50 lbs; cauliflower 1-1/2 bu. crt. 37 lbs; celery 2/3 size crt. 90 lbs; corn, 1,000 ears 780 lbs; cucumbers, bu. 48 lbs; eggplant, bu. 33 lbs; kale, bu. 18 lbs; lettuce, crt. 70 lbs; onions, sacks of 100 lbs; peas, bu. 30 lbs; peppers, bu. 25 lbs; spinach, bu. 18 lbs; tomatoes, bu. 53 lbs; watermelons, av. melon, 25 lbs; garlic, sacks of 100 lbs; peppermint, lbs. of oil; shallots, bu. 30 lbs. 2/ Includes small quantities of late asparagus for manufacture.

Truck crops: Commercial acreage and production of late crops, average 1929-38, annual 1939 and 1940, reported during October 1940

Commodity and group	Acreage			Unit	Production		
	Aver- age	1939	1940		Aver- age	1939	1940
	1929-38				1929-38		
	Acres	Acres	Acres		Thou- sands	Thou- sands	Thou- sands
Lima beans .....	960	650	700	Bushels:	46	29	.42
Snap beans (3) .....	8,520	9,970	10,550	" :	808	1,126	1,204
Cabbage, domestic 1/	41,030	40,300	43,000	Tons :	326	298	383
" Danish 1/	36,390	31,500	32,400	" :	293	240	291
Carrots 1/ .....	6,220	7,250	7,350	Bushels:	2,815	2,861	3,161
Cauliflower (2) .....	3,980	4,500	4,700	Crates:	912	1,350	1,340
Celery (1) 1/ .....	11,710	12,700	13,960	" :	3,193	3,543	3,748
" (2) .....	1,660	2,100	2,070	" :	496	611	567
Cucumbers (2) .....	1,260	1,800	1,450	Bushels:	93	163	130
Lettuce (1) 1/ .....	26,060	27,590	27,230	Crates:	3,622	4,210	4,439
" (2) .....	32,390	32,550	35,300	" :	4,392	4,904	4,728
Onions 1/ .....	53,410	58,750	55,190	Sacks :	10,290	13,964	12,218
Peppers .....	1,400	2,400	2,350	Bushels:	387	636	623
Spinach .....	6,970	6,840	7,100	" :	1,861	2,207	2,141
:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

Compiled from reports of Agricultural Marketing Service.

1/ Revised.

Truck crops: Commercial acreage, average 1930-39, annual 1940 and indicated 1941 1/

Commodity	Average 1930-39	1940	Indicated
			1941
	Acres	Acres	Acres
:	:	:	:
Artichokes (Calif.) .....	8,480	10,600	9,900
Snap beans, fall .....	16,650	17,500	17,600
Cabbage:			
Fall .....	1,650	2,330	2,670
Early .....	41,350	49,650	54,850
Carrots, fall .....	6,460	9,800	10,100
Cauliflower, fall and winter .....	9,260	8,000	8,400
Celery, fall and winter ..	7,710	8,850	8,400
Kale (Va.) .....	1,630	900	1,100
Green peppers, fall .....	2,840	4,800	4,500
Shallots, fall (La.) .....	-	2,700	2,400
Spinach, fall .....	2,460	2,400	3,000
Total abcve .....	98,490	117,530	122,920
Asparagus 2/ .....	110,140	129,170	130,820
Early .....	82,010	90,120	89,500
Late .....	28,130	39,050	41,320
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Compiled from reports of Agricultural Marketing Service. 1/ Fall and winter crops supply earliest new-crop movement moving to market in fall preceding year shown. 2/ Includes acreage from which production is taken for manufacture, frozen pack, etc.

Sweetpotatoes: Acreage, yield and production by groups of States, average 1929-38, annual 1939 and indicated 1940

Group of States	Acreage		Yield per acre		Production	
	: Average : For		: Average : Indi-		: Average : Indi-	
	: 1929- : 1939 : harvest		: 1929- : 1939 : cated		: 1929- : 1939 : cated	
	: 38 :	: 1940 :	: 38 :	: 1940 :	: 38 :	: 1940
					1,000	1,000
	: Acres	Acres	Acres	Bu.	Bu.	Bu.
4 Central						
Atlantic 1/ .....	67	61	61	121.5	140.5	132.0
4 Lower						
Atlantic 2/ .....	283	280	257	82.2	91.0	83.1
8 South Central 3/ : .....	470	483	439	79.4	72.4	74.7
5 North Central 4/ : .....	30	28	28	84.3	87.8	88.8
California .....	11	10	12	105.0	120.0	120.0
Total :						
United States :	860	862	797	84.6	84.3	83.0
					72,436	72,679
					66,131	

Compiled from reports of Agricultural Marketing Service.

1/ New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia.

2/ North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. 3/ Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas. 4/ Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, and Kansas.

Sweetpotatoes: Unweighted price per bushel for stock of generally good quality and condition (U. S. No. 1 when quoted) at New York and Chicago, week ended October 26, 1940 with comparisons

Market and variety	Week ended							
	: 1939 :		1940					
	: Oct. :		Sept.		Oct.			
	: 28 :	21 :	28 :	5 :	12 :	19 :	26 :	
	: Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
New York -								
Goldens, Md. ....	.76	.93	.70	1.12	.88	.94		1.05
" Va. ....	.72	.71	.59	.74	.66	.67		.70
Jerseys, N. J. ....	.72	1.23	.90	1.22	1.06	1.08		1.12
" Va. ....	.66	.70	.59	.77	.64	.67		.70
" N. & S. Carolina ....	---	---	---	---	.63	.72		1.18
Puerto Ricans, N. & S. Carolina:	1.01	1.27	1.11	1.15	1.16	1.15		1.30
" " Va. ....	.88	.73	.75	.86	.78	.71		.68
All varieties ....	.85	1.04	.89	.99	.90	.94		1.07
Chicago -								
Puerto Ricans, La. ....	1.28	1.68	1.64	1.52	1.47	1.48		1.46
" " Ill. ....	1.19	---	---	---	---	1.22		1.28
" " Tenn. ....	1.08	1.29	1.26	1.25	1.20	1.18		1.26
" " Texas ....	---	1.67	1.61	1.60	1.60	1.60		1.60
Jerseys, Iowa ....	1.20	1.42	1.38	1.21	1.17	1.33		1.35
" N. Jersey 1/ ....	1.54	---	1.75	1.74	1.81	1.86		1.76
" " " 2/ ....	---	1.58	1.32	1.17	1.52	1.61		1.52
Nancy Halls, Tenn. ....	1.04	1.02	.95	1.00	1.00	1.00		.99
" " Ill. ....	1.09	---	---	1.26	1.18	1.16		1.26
All varieties 3/ ....	1.16	1.32	1.28	1.20	1.25	1.30		1.28

Compiled from reports of Agricultural Marketing Service.

1/ Red soil stock. 2/ Sandy soil stock. 3/ Excluding red soil stock.

Beans, dry edible: F.o.b. price per 100 pounds rail,  
California 1939 and 1940

Compiled as follows: September 1939 - October 23, 1939 from Federal State Market News Service "Bulletin No. 315", Sacramento; beginning March 1940 from Bean Market Review Weekly, San Francisco.

1/ New crop.

Beans, dry, edible: Average wholesale price per 100 pounds at New York City, and f.o.b. quotations per 100 pounds at Colorado and Idaho shipping points, 1939 and 1940

Wholesale price New York City								F.o.b. quotations 1/			
Period		Marrow	Calif. lima	Pea	Red Kidney	Pinto	Great Northern	Colo. points		Idaho points	
:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
:	1939	1940	1939	1940	1939	1940	1939	1940	1939	1940	1940
Sept.	7:	6.05	4.53	6.33	5.40	5.22	3.80	5.42	4.90	6.00	3.20
	14:	6.25	4.75	6.50	5.35	5.30	3.86	6.44	4.95	4.60	3.15
	21:	5.60	4.92	6.48	5.35	4.57	3.90	6.22	5.00	4.55	3.15
	28:	5.44	5.09	6.56	5.35	4.34	3.90	5.75	5.00	4.65	2.85
Mo.	..:	5.76	4.82	6.43	5.36	4.76	3.87	5.84	4.96	4.95	3.09
Oct.	5:	5.17	5.25	6.63	5.35	3.95	3.95	5.80	5.00	4.20	3.00
	12:	5.12	5.25	6.42	5.31	3.90	3.92	5.63	5.30	4.32	2.80
	19:	5.00	5.08	6.30	5.15	3.83	3.80	5.41	5.22	4.20	2.60
	26:	4.92	5.08	6.25	5.15	3.77	3.80	4.94	5.91	4.00	2.60

New York, compiled from The Producers Price Current; f.o.b. quotations from reports of Agricultural Marketing Service.

1/ Prices are for Wednesday of week shown.

Beans, dry edible: Acreage, yield and production by groups of States,  
average 1929-38, annual 1939 and indicated 1940

Compiled from reports of Agricultural Marketing Service.

1/ Bags of 100 pounds; includes beans for seed. 2/ Largely pea beans, but most important source of Red Kidney, Yelloweye, and Cranberry. 3/ Largely Great Northern but Idaho most important source of supply of Small Reds. 4/ Largely Pinto. 5/ Miscellaneous varieties, mostly Lima, Baby Lima, Blackeye, Small White and Pink.

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Market and commodity	Unit	Week ended								
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		Oct.	September	October						
		: 28	: 21	: 28	: 5	: 12	: 19	: 26		
		Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	
<u>New York</u>										
Artichokes, Globe, Calif.	Box	: 2.54	4.06	3.56	3.50	3.50	3.52	3.62		
Asparagus, large, "	Crate	: ---	---	---	---	---	7.12	5.67		
" medium, "	"	: 4.21	---	---	---	---	3.78	3.46		
Beans, lima, L.I. ....	Bushel	: 3.25	1.23	1.38	1.27	1.18	1.50	1.66		
" " N.Y. ....	"	: ---	1.27	1.34	1.65	1.47	1/1.25	---		
" " Va. ....	"	: ---			1/1.12	1.28	1.36	1.25		
" " N.J. ....	"	: ---	1.12	1.33	1.25	1.19	1.48	1.52		
" snap, green, Pa. ...	"	: ---	.89	.71	.91	.91	---	---		
" " " N.Y. ..	"	: ---	1.06	.74	1.10	1.25	1/1.88	---		
" " " N.J. ..	"	: ---	.88	.69	.89	1.01	.86	---		
" " " Md. & Va. :	"	: 2.20	.76	.65	1.06	1.10	.95	.96		
" " " Fla. ..	"	: 2.10	---	---	---	---	1.24	1.27		
" " " La. ..	"	: 2.17	---	---	---	---	1.08	1.04		
" " " N.C. ..	"	: 2.06	---	---	---	---	.98	1.03		
" " " S.C. ..	"	: 2.06	---	---	---	---	.92	.99		
" " wax, N.J. ...	"	: ---	1.42	1.10	1.38	1.38	1.33	---		
" " " N.Y. ...	"	: ---	1.21	1.08	1.08	1/1.88	---	---		
" " " Fla. ...	"	: 2.59	---	---	---	---	2.25	2.88		
" " " S.C. ...	"	: ---	---	---	---	---	1.75	1/1.38		
Beets, topped, eastern ...	"	: .52	.39	.44	.47	.46	.44	.45		
Broccoli, Calif. ....	Pony crate	: 3.52	3.35	1.96	1.64	1.58	1.50	2.30		
" Pa. ....	Crt. 1 doz. bunches	: 1.47	1.33		1.03	1.05	.94	1.16		
" N.J. ....	Lettuce crate	: 1.28	---	---	---	---	.67	.94		
Brussels sprouts, Calif. ..	$\frac{1}{2}$ drum	: 2.61	2.72	1.77	1.83	2.16	1.90	1.73		
" " eastern :	Quart	: .11	.13	.12	.11	.11	.09	.10		
Cabbage, Danish, N.Y. ....	50 lb. sack	: .52	.42	.42	.41	.36	.35	.38		
" domestic, N.Y. ...	" "	: .38	.37	.34	.32	.31	.28	.32		
" " Pa. ....	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ bu. hamper	: .81	.62	.60	.61	.55	.59	.62		
" red, N.Y. ....	50 lb. sack	: .82	.54	.56	.55	.46	.44	.48		
Cantaloups, Calif. ....	Jumbos 36's and 45's:	---	2.90	3.60	4.04	4.32	4.46	4.10		
" Utah ....	" " " "	---	2.60	3.21	3.75	3.46	---	---		
" Colo. ....	" " " "	---	2.40	2.73	2.95	3.28	3.62	---		
Carrots, topped, N.Y. ....	Bushel	: .93	.67	.63	.75	.72	.62	.60		
" " Pa. ....	"	: .67	---	---	---	.51	.50	.51		
" bunched, N. Mex. :	L.A. crate	: ---	3.65	3.85	4.52	4.32	3.54			
" " Idaho ..	" "	: ---	2.83	---	1/3.62	---	2.92	---		
" " Calif. ..	" "	: 3.71	3.46	3.77	4.54	4.32	3.33	3.08		
Casaba melons, Calif. ....	Crate	: 2.38	1.94	1.70	1.50	1.92	1.83	1.76		
Cauliflower, L.I. ....	"	: .57	1.31	1.00	1.02	.66	.48	.60		
" N.Y. ....	"	: .65	1.64	1.18	1.11	.74	.52	.61		

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Market and commodity	Unit	Week ended							
		1939:				1940			
		Oct.		September		October			
		28	21	28	5	12	19	26	
		Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
New York									
celery, Utah type, Calif.	Cub crate				1.00	1.00	1.00		
" N.Y. ....	2/3 "	1.45	---	1.40	1.38	1.26	1.62	1.47	
" " ....	10-in. crate	1.80	1.37	1.27	1.32	1.30	1.38	1.66	
celery cabbage, N.Y. ....	Lettuce crate	---	.60	.50	.59	.50	.55	.52	
" " Ohio ....	16-qt. basket	---	.47	.37	.36	.31	.32	---	
corn, yellow, Pa. ....	Bushel	---	1.08	1.10	.94	1.10	.88	1/.72	
" " N.Y. ....	"	---	1.06	.81	.60	---	.60	1/.58	
ucumbers, N.Y. ....	"	---	1.69	1.56	1.32	1.83	---	---	
" L.I. ....	"	2.25	1.60	1.31	1.25	1.98	2.28	2.50	
" N.J. ....	"	---	1.42	1.31	1.25	2.00	1/1.75	---	
" Fla. ....	"	2.31	---	---	---	---	3.28	3.60	
" Ga. ....	"	---	---	---	1.91	2.58	2.92	2.90	
" La. ....	"	---	---	---	---	3.00	3.18	3.88	
Eggplant, Fla. ....	1 1/2-bu. crate	3.25	---	2.29	3.02	2.62	2.62	2.62	
" N.J. ....	Bushel	---	.60	.78	1.04	1.14	.93	---	
Garlic, Calif. ....	Pound	.08	.15	.16	.16	.17	.16	.16	
Money balls, Calif. ....	Jumbos 36's and 45's	---	2.83	2.41	3.06	1/3.38	4.00	1/3.75	
" " " ....	Standard 45's	---	2.41	2.12	2.53	1/2.75	1/3.50	1/3.00	
Honeydews, - " ....	Jumbos 6's-8's	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
	and std. 9's and 12's	2.53	1.81	1.94	1.86	2.18	2.54	2.29	
Leeks, nearby ....	Bushel	.62	---	.61	.62	.60	.65	.62	
Lettuce, iceberg, Calif. ....	L.A. crate	5.00	3.25	3.38	3.90	3.90	4.17	3.96	
" " N. Mex. ....	" "	---	---	---	---	---	4.44	---	
" " Idaho ...	" "	5.73	---	---	---	---	3.72	3.25	
" " N.Y. ....	Crate - 2 doz.	1.38	.68	.59	.97	.83	1.01	1/.88	
" Big Boston, N.Y. ....	" "	.76	.65	.61	.53	.50	.48	---	
" " " N.J. ....	" "	1.06	---	.51	.68	.59	.52	.59	
Mushrooms, N.Y. & Pa. ....	3-lb. basket	.53	.57	.57	.57	.52	.49	.69	
Okra, N.C. ....	1/2 bushel	---	1.38	1.30	1.28	1.42	1.88	1.56	
" N.J. ....	12-qt. basket	---	1.10	1.06	1.10	1.09	1.06	---	
" Fla. ....	Bushel	2.25	2.97	3.05	2.58	2.81	3.88	3.27	
Onions, yellows, N.Y. ....	50-lb. sack	.62	.71	.67	.68	.70	.72	.73	
" red " ....	" "	.70	.82	.77	.77	.81	.81	.81	
" " Ind. ....	" "	---	---	---	---	---	1.00	.91	
" sweet Sp., Idaho ..	" "	1.11	1.42	1.44	1.42	1.40	1.35	1.36	
Parsley, Pa. ....	1/2 bushel	.22	.40	.32	.37	.36	.42	.39	
" nearby ....	Bushel	.41	.51	.55	.56	.52	.60	.59	
Parsnips, Pa. ....	1/2 bushel	.49	.50	.49	.49	.41	.40	.40	
Peas, Colo. ....	Bushel	---	2.72	2.62	2.63	2.58	1/2.25	---	
" Calif. ....	"	3.09	2.81	3.19	2.64	2.56	2.66	2.61	

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Market and commodity	Unit	Week ended								
		1939:		1940						
		Oct.	September:	October						
		28	21	28	5	12	19	26		
		Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	
<u>New York</u>										
Peas, N. Mex. ....	Bushel	---	2.98	2.94	2.70	2.56	3.00	---		
Peppers, sweet, N.J. ....	"	1.00	.48	.52	.45	.42	.43	.60		
" hot, " ....	"	.34	.42	.41	.36	.35	.37	.52		
" red, " ....	"	---	1.12	.90	.87	.78	.66	.79		
Persian melons, Calif. ....	Jumbos 4's-6's	3.88	1.57	1.96	2.42	2.72	2.48	2.10		
" " " ....	Standard 6's	2.38	1.36	1.52	2.19	2.28	2.06	2.05		
" " " ....	Pony 6's-8's	---	1.12	1.25	1.78	1.78	1.57	1.52		
Radishes, Ohio ....	16-qt. basket	---	.41	.34	.36	.33	1/ .32	---		
" nearby ....	Bushel	.69	.62	.52	.56	.48	.45	.63		
Rhubarb, Calif. ....	20-lb. box	1.19	1.25	1.25	1.16	1.10	1.10	1.08		
Rutabagas, Canada ....	50-lb. sack	.56	.68	.59	.54	.62	.62	.61		
Spanish melons, Calif. ....	Crate	---	2.21	1.96	2.08	1.94	1.88	2.38		
Spinach, Pa. ....	Bushel	.35	.74	.49	.45	.48	.48	.60		
Squash, acorn, N.J. ....	"	---	.75	.60	1.02	.89	.91	1.14		
" Fla. ....	24-qt. hamper	.60	---	---	---	1.12	1.17	1.05		
" yellow, N.J. ....	Bushel	---	.62	.50	.46	.76	.78	---		
Tomatoes, Pa. ....	Lug	---	.74	.76	.83	.72	---	---		
" N.Y. ....	"	---	.81	.74	.78	.77	---	---		
" Calif. ....	"	2.04	---	1.22	1.77	1.42	1.36	1.62		
Turnips, N.J. ....	Bushel	---	---	---	.55	.60	.57	.52		
Winter watermelons, Colo. :	Jumbo crate	---	---	---	1.38	1.19	1.25	1.38		
" " Utah :	" "	---	---	---	---	1.12	1.12	---		
<u>Chicago</u>										
Artichokes, Calif. ....	Box	2.00	3.16	2.92	2.69	3.12	3.50	---		
Asparagus, large, Calif. ..	Crate	---	---	---	---	---	6.50	5.67		
" medium, " ..	"	4.25	---	---	---	---	4.80	4.08		
Beans, lima, Mich. ....	12-qt. basket	---	.81	.76	.61	1/ .68	1/ .75	.72		
" snap, green, Ill. ..	Bushel	---	1.05	1.16	1.07	1.18	.92	1/ .88		
" " " Mich. :	"	---	1.11	1.18	1.05	1.47	---	---		
" " " La. ...	"	1.72	---	---	1/ 1.20	1.30	1.04	1.04		
" " " Miss. :	"	1.62	---	---	---	1.25	1.12	---		
" " wax, Ill. ....	"	---	1.54	1.46	1.50	.88	1.12	---		
" " " La. ....	"	1.62	---	---	---	1.58	1.32	1.26		
Beets, topped, Ill. ....	"	1/ .60	.38	.35	---	.46	.37	.41		
Broccoli, Calif. ....	Pony crate	2.68	2.48	2.08	1.62	1.51	1.50	1.72		
Brussels sprouts, Calif. ..	½ drum	2.62	2.32	1.85	1.80	1.90	2.00	1.75		
Cabbage, domestic, Ill. ...:	crate, 50-60 lb.	.90	.44	.50	.52	.54	.51	.49		
" " Wis. ...:	" "	.99	.44	.55	.52	.51	.49	.49		
" savoy, Ill. ....	Bushel	.38	.25	.32	.30	.30	.28	.29		

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Chicago									
Cabbage, red, Ill.	Bushel	.82	.40	.42	.44	.45	.45	.45	.42
Cantaloups, Calif.	Jumbos 36's and 45's	---	2.72	2.96	3.30	3.98	4.25	4.12	
" Colo.	Jumbos 36's and 45's	---	2.12	2.35	2.35	2.54	2.41	---	
" Utah	Jumbos 36's and 45's	---	2.52	2.55	2.69	1/3.62	3.29	---	
Carrots, topped, Ill.	Bushel	.43	.42	.44	.44	.45	.44	.42	
" bunched, Idaho	L.A. crate	---	2.69	2.72	---	---	2.62	2.50	
" " Calif.	" "	2.76	2.98	2.72	3.06	3.30	2.70	2.66	
" " N. Mex.	" "	2.62	3.08	3.38	3.78	3.94	3.30	3.00	
Cauliflower, Colo.	Pony crate	1.50	1.16	1.08	1.02	.96	.68	.71	
" Mich.	Crate	.80	.95	1.25	1.10	.86	.77	.66	
" N.Y.	"	1.54	---	---	---	1.19	.94	1.05	
Celery, Wash.	$\frac{1}{2}$ crate	1.98	2.19	---	2.03	1.89	2.02	2.20	
" Mich.	Flat crate	.48	.39	.44	.44	.44	.45	.45	
Celery cabbage, Mich.	Lug	---	---	.54	.53	.54	.57	.60	
Corn, yellow, Ill.	5 dozen	---	.47	.44	.43	.40	---	---	
" " Ohio	"	---	---	---	1.02	.90	.96	---	
Cucumbers, La.	Bushel	2.00	---	---	1.92	1.92	2.06	2.36	
" hothouse, Ill.	1 dozen	1.72	---	---	.50	.72	.58	.56	
Dandelions, Ind.	Bushel	1.04	---	---	1.00	.96	.92	.90	
Eggplant, Ill.	"	---	.71	.86	.92	.94	---	---	
" La.	"	---	---	---	---	---	1.67	2.12	
Endive, Ill.	"	.52	.52	.58	.56	.56	.52	.49	
" Ind.	"	.82	.79	.75	.73	.75	.76	.75	
" Calif.	L.A. crate	---	---	---	---	---	2.22	1.75	
Escarole, Ill.	Bushel	.41	.45	.46	.42	.47	.42	.38	
" Ind.	"	.49	.54	.58	.57	.60	.52	.49	
Garlic, Calif.	50-lb. sack	4.38	7.00	7.50	8.00	8.20	8.75	8.95	
Honeydews, Calif.	Standard and jumbo								
" Colo.	bos 6's-12's	2.15	1.56	1.51	1.58	1.98	2.08	2.40	
"	Standard and jumbo								
	bos 6's-12's	---	1.08	1.07	1.10	1.40	1.51	---	
Horseradish, Ill.	Bunch	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50	.49	.48	
Leeks, Ill.	Bushel	---	.06	.06	.06	.06	.05	.06	
Lettuce, Calif.	L.A. crate	4.38	2.66	2.86	2.89	3.42	3.65	3.06	
" Idaho	" "	4.62	---	---	---	---	4.17	2.62	
" N. Mex.	" "	3.25	---	---	---	---	4.00	2.92	
Mushrooms, midwestern	Pound	.26	.31	.31	.27	.24	.23	.25	

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		Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
<u>Chicago</u>									
Okra, Tenn. ....	Bushel	2.00	1.12	1.02	1.56	2.33	2.30	---	
Onions, yellows, midwestern:	50-lb. sack	.50	.56	.50	.50	.48	.52	.59	
" sweet Sp., Idaho :	" "	.75	1.15	1.05	1.05	1/1.02	1/.96	1/1.00	
" " " Colo. :	" "	---	---	---	.99	.99	.99	1.02	
" " " Utah :	" "	---	1.15	1.08	1.04	.99	.96	1/1.00	
Parsley, Ill. ....	Box	.30	.20	.21	.22	.22	.25	.26	
Parsnips, "	$\frac{1}{2}$ bushel	---	.45	.41	.40	.38	.34	.34	
Peas, Calif. ....	Bushel	2.75	---	2.20	2.41	2.53	2.62	2.52	
" N. Mex. ....	"	---	---	---	2.35	2.30	2.59	---	
Peppers, Calif. ....	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -bu. crate	2.62	---	---	1.78	1.86	1.76	1.77	
" Tenn. ....	Bushel	---	.41	.69	.49	.62	.59	.59	
" midwestern ....	"	---	.68	.92	.63	.71	.73	.64	
Persian melons, Calif. ....	Jumbos 6's	2.60	1.60	2.02	2.38	2.62	2.42	2.20	
" " " ....	Standard 6's	2.62	1.44	1.70	1.97	2.35	2.15	1.95	
Pumpkins, Ill. ....	Bushel	---	---	---	---	---	.38	.36	
Radishes, Ill. ....	Bunch	.03	---	---	.02	.02	.01	.02	
Rhubarb, Calif. ....	20-lb. box	.94	---	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	
Rutabagas, Canada ....	50-lb. sack	.62	.58	.53	.62	.69	.66	.63	
" Minn. ....	" "	.45	---	---	.56	.55	.55	.46	
Spinach, Ill. ....	Bushel	.56	---	---	.36	.38	.46	.42	
" Mich. ....	"	.56	.92	.75	.49	.50	.64	.52	
" Wash. ....	Crate - 20 lb.	1.25	1.22	1.10	.82	.62	.55	1.00	
Squash, acorn, Ill. ....	Bushel	.26	.54	.56	.54	.50	.42	.44	
Tomatoes, Calif. ....	Lug	2.12	1.25	.96	1.44	1.44	1.31	1.43	
" Ohio ....	12-qt. basket	---	---	.45	.47	.52	.58	.48	
Turnips, Ill. ....	Bushel	.64	.92	.71	.72	.60	.48	.48	
Turnip tops ....	"	---	---	---	.25	.25	.25	.24	
Winter watermelons, Colo. :	Jumbo crate	---	---	---	1.25	1.04	1.00	---	
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1/ Average for 1 day.

Truck crops and potatoes: Carlot (rail and boat) shipments from originating points in the United States for the week ended October 26, 1940 with comparisons

Commodity	Week ended							
	1939		1940					
	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.
	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars
Asparagus .....	3	---	---	1	4	6	4	
Beans, snap old crop .....	103	3	15	19	69	130	151	
" " new " .....	101	---	---	---	---	16	75	
Beets .....	---	2	---	---	6	18	9	
Broccoli .....	36	22	20	19	16	20	43	
Cabbage .....	239	63	112	169	138	166	186	
Cantaloups .....	---	243	187	89	23	1	---	
Carrots, old crop .....	71	102	116	80	116	49	36	
" new " .....	127	---	---	109	123	82	101	
Casaba melons .....	5	4	6	---	2	12	7	
Cauliflower .....	241	134	139	153	231	176	135	
Celery, old crop .....	226	152	157	184	157	185	198	
" new " .....	171	12	8	14	23	49	65	
Corn green .....	---	26	15	18	12	1	---	
Cucumbers .....	30	19	28	23	58	35	40	
Greens, except spinach .....	24	10	10	11	24	26	45	
Honeyball melons .....	---	2	2	---	---	---	---	
Honeydew " .....	17	281	148	78	70	46	33	
Lettuces and romaine, old crop .....	308	765	761	173	154	527	489	
Lettuce and romaine, new crop .....	455	---	---	550	510	408	569	
Mixed melons .....	2	37	28	29	17	18	14	
" vegetables .....	320	256	244	217	224	258	212	
Onions .....	524	563	584	684	545	643	631	
Peas .....	40	84	95	79	62	93	85	
Peppers .....	16	10	7	14	10	11	16	
Persian melons .....	---	14	16	27	28	6	1	
Spinach .....	13	36	5	---	3	8	7	
Sweet potatoes .....	216	320	175	233	261	224	184	
Tomatoes .....	341	396	561	577	411	322	271	
Turnips and rutabagas .....	25	20	12	14	21	19	11	
Watermelons .....	---	23	18	5	3	3	3	
Total .....	3,654	3,599	3,449	3,569	3,321	3,558	3,621	
Potatoes, total .....	3,149	2,717	3,180	3,533	4,412	3,599	3,070	
Early .....	1	9	4	---	---	1	---	
Intermediate .....	134	345	319	216	239	172	126	
Late .....	3,014	2,363	2,857	3,317	4,173	3,226	2,944	
Total above .....	6,803	6,316	6,629	7,102	7,733	6,957	6,691	
Relief								
Cabbage .....	---	---	---	---	38	166	199	
Onions .....	62	---	---	29	18	52	58	
Potatoes .....	---	356	371	650	520	556	542	
Sweetpotatoes .....	141	---	---	---	---	---	---	

Truck crops for processing: Commercial acreage and production,  
annual 1938-40

Commodity	Planted acreage			Production		
	1938	1939	1940 1/	1938	1939	1940 1/
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Tons	Tons	Tons
Asparagus (Calif.)	47,510	50,120	49,090	44,664	47,615	54,192
Beans, lima .....	55,010	50,540	50,670	28,730	29,790	29,610
Beans, snap .....	76,010	54,860	57,590	128,400	94,150	97,300
Beets .....	12,380	9,060	12,200	70,780	44,740	73,130
Cabbage for kraut .....	18,600	20,140	18,900	195,400	146,600	173,600
Corn, sweet .....	361,170	254,460	328,710	882,800	561,100	724,100
Peas, green .....	334,920	260,070	323,980	302,540	198,110	302,290
Pimentos .....	26,390	22,090	15,490	38,840	23,210	12,020
Spinach 2/ .....	17,470	13,850	12,400	30,400	36,500	36,910
Tomatoes .....	410,160	371,730	391,630	1,742,600	1,996,800	1,814,100
Total above ...:	1,359,620	1,106,930	1,260,660	3,465,154	3,278,516	3,317,252
Cucumbers for pickles .....	68,700	64,620	92,760	146,568	92,400	---
Grand total ...:	1,448,320	1,171,550	1,353,420	3,611,722	3,371,016	---

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1/ Preliminary.

2/ Texas and California only. Harvested acreage in 1938 and 1939, planted acreage in 1940.

Vegetables, frozen: Cold storage holdings, October 1, 1940,  
with comparisons

Commodity	1939		1940	
	Sept. 1	Oct. 1	Sept. 1	Oct. 1
	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.
Asparagus .....	6,511	6,305	7,087	6,655
Beans, lima .....	10,540	18,366	9,564	11,235
Beans, snap .....	6,846	7,218	6,387	7,456
Broccoli, green .....	989	1,236	914	899
Corn, sweet .....	7,280	7,640	4,943	5,964
Peas, green .....	30,103	28,207	39,254	37,750
Spinach .....	2,834	2,586	3,816	3,679
Other vegetables .....	2,091	2,279	2,565	2,738
Classification not reported..	4,445	4,423	3,848	4,731
Total .....	71,639	78,260	78,378	81,107

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